

# July 2023 Funding Summary

\*NEW indicates programs added to this list since the June email

## FOR MUNICIPALITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

- **[Alberta Real Estate Foundation](#): Development Grant Intake: Open, Investment Grant Deadline: September 4, 2023**  
The Alberta Real Estate Foundation funds initiatives that support and advance education, research, law reform, and other activities related to real estate across our three focus areas of Real Estate Leadership, Built Environment, and Land.
- **[Affordable Housing Partnership Program](#): Open**  
The Affordable Housing Partnership Program aims to bring together partners from public, private, and non-profit organizations to provide more affordable housing where it is needed most.  
Alberta's [Stronger Foundations affordable housing strategy](#) is committed to taking a renewed, people-first approach to protect vulnerable Albertans, get the best value for taxpayer dollars, and increase the long-term sustainability of the housing system.
- **[Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation \(CMHC\) Funding Programs](#): Varies**
  - **[CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund \(HAF\)](#): Closes August 18**  
The Housing Accelerator Fund provides incentive funding to local governments encouraging initiatives aimed at increasing housing supply. It also supports the development of complete, low-carbon and climate-resilient communities that are affordable, inclusive, equitable and diverse. Click [here](#) for more information, or watch the attached PowerPoint webinar.
- **[Crowdfunding Alberta Platform](#)**: Alberta-based non-profits can create campaigns and invite supporters to share on social media and donate. The non-profit receives all donations raised, less 3rd party payment processing fees and optional platform fees. Eligible recipients may also receive 30% matching funds from the Government of Alberta, up to \$15K.  
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is Canada's national housing agency.
- **NEW [Every Kid Can Play Program](#): Sept 30, 2023**  
EKCP addresses affordability and accessibility challenges to sport, physical activity, and recreation (SPAR) programs for Alberta kids and their families. Funding is available for provincial scope non-profit organizations to reduce costs associated with the delivery, expansion, or enhancement of existing community-level programs across Alberta.
- **[Fortis Alberta Community Grants](#): Annual Intake**  
Do you have a project designed to save energy or help the environment? Our annual community grants can help you plant trees, naturalize an area or create energy efficiency. Grants range in value from \$500 to \$5,000 and are available to municipalities within the Fortis [service area](#).
- **[Government of Alberta- Alberta Community Partnership](#): Open**  
This program helps municipalities by providing support for regional collaboration and capacity-building initiatives.
- **Government of Alberta - [Child Care – Space Creation Grant](#): Open**  
Applications for grant funding are open to non-profit groups interested in creating new childcare spaces or starting new childcare programs.
- **[Government of Alberta- Community Revitalization Levy](#): Open**  
Allows municipalities to borrow against future property tax revenues to help pay for infrastructure development required in a specific area. The levy is typically in place for 20 years, and no longer than 40 years.
- **[Government of Alberta- Culture, and Status of Women Grants](#): Varies**  
Funding opportunities for projects in the areas of arts, culture, community, heritage, recreation, sport, and diversity and inclusion.
- **[Government of Canada- Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage](#): Varies**  
Provides funding to local groups for recurring festivals that present the work of local artists, artisans, or heritage performers. This includes the celebration of LGBTQ2+ communities and Indigenous cultural celebrations.
- **[Government of Canada- Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program](#): Continuous**  
The Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program (CASPP) supports the Canadian agricultural sector's participation in the Government of Canada's growth and policy objectives, by investing in the sector's design,

development and implementation of tools and strategies to respond to and seize opportunities created by these objectives.

- **[Government of Canada- Community Economic Development and Diversification: Ongoing](#)**  
Through this program, PrairiesCan enables communities to leverage their capacity and strengths to respond to economic development opportunities and to adjust to changing and challenging economic circumstances (e.g., inter-city bus transportation, wildfires, and floods)
- **[Government of Canada - Cultural Spaces Fund: Open](#)**  
The Fund supports renovation and construction projects, the acquisition of specialized equipment, and feasibility studies related to cultural spaces. Not-for-profits, heritage organizations, provincial and territorial governments, municipal governments and agencies, and Indigenous peoples' institutions or organizations are eligible.
- **[Government of Canada - Rural Transit Solutions Fund: Open](#)**  
The first federal fund to target the development of transit solutions in rural and remote communities. From on-demand services to publicly owned ride shares, and volunteer community car-pooling, funding will help rural, remote, Northern, and Indigenous communities to develop and offer new public transit options to their residents. Eligible organizations representing these communities can seek support through two program streams depending on the nature of their project:
  - **[Planning and Design Projects stream:](#)** Through this stream, eligible applicants can seek grants of up to \$50,000 in support of communities' projects to plan and design new or expanded transit solutions for their communities.
  - **[Capital Projects stream:](#)** Through this stream, eligible applicants can seek contributions of up to \$3 million to help cover the capital costs of a new or expanded transit solution (e.g., purchase of vehicles or digital platforms), and up to \$5 million to support zero-emission transit solutions (e.g., for the purchase of a zero-emission vehicles).
- **[Government of Canada - Strategic Partnerships Initiative: Open](#)**  
The Strategic Partnerships Initiative (SPI) provides a way for federal partners to coordinate their efforts, reduce administrative burden, and pool resources in support of Indigenous communities. This approach fills gaps in other funding programs that might create a barrier to Indigenous involvement in economic opportunities. SPI initiatives can span multiple years, have regional economic impacts, and serve multiple communities.
- **[Government of Canada - Zero Emission Transit Fund: Open](#)**  
Planning and capital projects are eligible to apply for the fund of \$2.75 billion over five years going towards creating more environmentally friendly public transport fleets. Applications are open to provinces and territories, municipal or regional governments, transit agencies, and public bodies (e.g., school boards), private-sector school bus operators, and private accessible transit transportation providers (e.g., paratransit services).
- **[NEW Government of Canada Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program – Delivery Organizations: December 31, 2024](#)**  
Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) for delivery organizations (also known as, Initial Recipients) further distribute ZEVIP funds to “Ultimate Recipients” to install electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in public places, on-street, in multi-unit residential buildings, at workplaces, or for on-road vehicle fleets.
- **[NEW Government of Canada Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program funding – Indigenous organizations: March 31, 2026 \(RFP\)](#)**  
The program aims to address the lack of charging infrastructure and hydrogen refuelling stations in Canada, one of the key barriers to zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) adoption, by increasing the availability of localized charging and hydrogen refuelling opportunities where Canadians live, work, and play. This Request for Proposals (RFP) targets ZEV infrastructure projects to be carried out by Indigenous organizations
- **[NEW Government of Canada Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure funding for owners and operators of charging and refuelling infrastructure: Open in fall 2023](#)**
- **[NEW Green Municipal Fund \(FCM\) - Sustainable Housing: Open](#)**  
Test innovative, ambitious solutions that generate deep energy efficiency outcomes and GHG reductions for existing affordable housing retrofits and new builds. Implement your replicable project with a SAH pilot project grant.
- **[Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative: Open](#)**
  - **[Cultural Stream:](#)** Funds Indigenous-led initiatives that enhance, protect, or revitalize Indigenous languages, heritage, culture and arts.

- [Economic Stream](#): Funds Indigenous-led capacity and opportunity development projects that improve economic outcomes for communities.
- **NEW [Rural Municipalities of Alberta \(RMA\) Municipal Ec. Dev. Capacity Building Microgrant](#): Closes August 15, 2023** RMA has received funding from the Government of Alberta's [Economic Development in Rural Alberta Plan](#) (EDRAP) to create a rural municipality economic development microgrant program. Applications for this program are now being accepted from RMA full member municipalities.
- **[Rural Project Funding Session Recording](#)**: In case you missed Athabasca University's online session, you can view the recording [online](#). Learn more about the **funding** programs offered by the [Alberta Real Estate Foundation](#), [CMHC](#), [PrairiesCan](#), the [Government of Alberta](#), and [Mitacs](#).

#### FOR BUSINESSES:

- **NEW [Alberta Made Production Grant](#): July 31**  
This grant supports smaller budget Alberta productions and contributes to government's goal of growing Alberta's cultural industries.
- **[Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation](#): Ongoing**  
With up to \$1 billion in loan guarantees available, we enable access to capital, make financing more affordable and improve lending terms to create economic prosperity and social improvements in communities – not only for the short term but also for generations to come.
- **[Alberta Innovates Funding Programs](#): Varies**  
Alberta Innovates provides several funding programs to support research, the growth of business, and help the start-up community to build new technology and drive new ideas.
  - **[Agri-Food and Bioindustrial Innovation Program](#): Open**  
The Agri-Food and Bioindustrial Innovation Program (ABIP) supports the development and advancement of technologies that increase productivity, enhance competitiveness, boost the value of agriculture and forestry commodities, and lower greenhouse gas emissions.
- **[Alberta Municipalities – Clean Energy Improvement Program](#)**  
Finance up to 100% of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on commercial property in the City of Edmonton
- **[AIIIC Grant for Status Entrepreneurs](#): Open**  
This program provides equity assistance for the start-up or the expansion of small businesses for Status individuals.
- **[Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program \(AEP\)](#): Open**  
Access to capital and access to business opportunities for Indigenous entrepreneurs and business owners in Canada.
- **[Canada Food Innovation Network](#): Varies**  
CFIN is open to organizations across Canada's food ecosystem. Join more than 1500 members, including manufacturers, processors, distributors, retailers, funders, and innovators.
  - **NEW [FoodTech Next](#): Closes September 6, 2023**  
FoodTech Next is a unique funding opportunity for early-stage Canadian technology firms who seek to be part of -- or sell to -- the wider food industry. The program allows companies to demonstrate and pilot their innovation in operational environments to prove their solutions and validate the return on investment for the food sector.
- **Canadian Growth Fund: Early 2023 Release**  
First announced in Budget 2022, the Fall Economic Statement indicated that the Canada Growth Fund will launch before the end of the year. The goal of the fund is to reduce emissions and achieve Canada's climate targets; to accelerate the deployment of key technologies, such as low-carbon hydrogen and carbon capture, utilization, and storage; and to scale up companies that will create jobs, drive clean growth, and retain IP.
- **NEW [Community Futures – Alberta Women's Economic Recovery](#)**: Offering flexible low-interest small business loans, ongoing support and advice for women entrepreneurs in rural Alberta.
- **[Emissions Reduction Alberta- Technology Funding](#): Varies**  
ERA is investing in a diverse portfolio of transformative, sustainable technologies that reduce GHG emissions and position Alberta for success in a lower emissions economy.
- **[Government of Alberta- Alberta Export and Expansion Program](#): Open**

Funding to help export-ready companies and non-profit organizations enhance access to international markets and attract global buyers.

- **[Government of Alberta- Alberta Media Fund](#): **Varies****  
The Alberta Media Fund (AMF) offers a variety of grants to help support the growth, sustainability, competitiveness, and business attraction of our province's cultural industries.
- **[Government of Alberta- Economic Development Funding and Grants](#): **Varies****  
Tax credits, grants, and other funding programs to stimulate regional economic development.
- **[Government of Alberta- Film and Television Tax Credit](#): **Open****  
Tax credit to support medium and large-scale productions filming in Alberta.
- **[Government of Alberta- Innovation Employment Grant](#): **Open****  
Companies can receive a grant of up to 20% toward qualifying research and development expenditures.
- **[Government of Canada- Business Scale-up and Productivity](#): **Expression of Interest****  
It supports high-growth businesses that are seeking to improve productivity, scale-up and commercialize technology. It offers interest-free, repayable funding to incorporated businesses.
- **[Government of Canada- Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program](#): **Continuous****  
The Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program (CASPP) supports the Canadian agricultural sector's participation in the Government of Canada's growth and policy objectives.
- **[Government of Canada- Strategic Innovation Fund](#): **Ongoing****  
The Strategic Innovation Fund's (SIF) objective is to spur innovation for a better Canada by providing funding for large projects and national innovation ecosystems.
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- **[Indigenous Tourism Alberta \(ITA\) Micro Fund](#): **Open****  
This program is supported in partnership with Travel Alberta and Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan). ITA members can apply for up to \$40,000 in tourism relief funding.
- **[Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security \(IDEaS\)](#): **Open****  
Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) is the Department of National Defence (DND) and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) access to innovation program. Help solve a challenge faced by the Canadian Armed Forces and get funding to advance your research. Get feedback on your technology from military experts and build your network.
- **[Métis Entrepreneurs' Assistance Program \(MEAP\)](#): **Open****  
This program provides equity assistance for the start-up or the expansion of small businesses. The grant is for Métis, Inuit, or Non-Status individuals and is named The Métis Entrepreneurs' Assistance Program (MEAP).
- **[Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership \(Sustainable CAP\)](#): **Varies****  
The new \$3.5-billion, 5-year agreement (April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028), between the federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen the competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector.
  - **[NEW Emerging Opportunities Program](#): **Open by Invitation****  
The Emerging Opportunities Grant Program supports the Government of Alberta's strategic objectives related to growth and development of Alberta's value-added agriculture sector. The program supports projects that focus on innovation and result in significant company growth and sector impact. Projects can include new technologies, best new practises, significant capacity expansions and new builds. Interested applicants can contact the program area directly to discuss if the project meets the objectives of the program.

## FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

- **[Ag for Life - Agriculture Labour Task Force Grant Program](#): **Open****

To support producers and processors, Alberta, in partnership with the federal government, is providing \$2.5 million to Agriculture for Life to help companies recruit, hire, and retain workers in the agriculture and agri-food industry. The funding will provide eligible companies with grants to increase public awareness of agricultural career opportunities, as well as human resources training to support worker retention. To learn more, choose a grant stream below.

- [Improve Awareness of Agriculture and Agri-food Related Careers](#)
- [Support the Improvement of Human Resources Practices and Capacity](#)
- **NEW [Alberta Construction Association - Construction New Talent Grant Program](#): Open**

Wage subsidies of 50% (maximum subsidy \$5,000) are available to hire current post-secondary students and recent grads (up to 6 months) for temporary work experience placements at least 3 weeks in length which can take place at any time during the year. Placements can be engineers, technologists, accounting and finance, human resources, IT, logistics, procurement, safety, marketing, etc.
- **NEW [Alberta Food Processors Association- Food Futures](#): Open**

The Alberta Food Processors Association (AFPA) has received funding from the Alberta Government to support Work Integrated Learning placements in the food processing industry. This funding will support up to 90 student placements per year for the next 3 years. Wage subsidies of 50% (maximum subsidy \$5,000) are available to hire current post-secondary students and recent grads (within 6 months) for temporary work experience placements.
- **[Aviation Skills Grant](#): Open**

The Aviation Skills Grant grows and diversifies the province's aviation and aerospace industry by creating more opportunities for Albertans to access training and strengthen the industry's workforce. The program supports training and re-skilling to help:

  - workers gain new skills to meet the needs of employers
  - employers in Alberta's aviation and aerospace industry gain the skills and talent to grow their businesses and Alberta's economy
- **[Government of Alberta - Canada-Alberta Jobs Grant](#): Open**

Eligible employers can get government funding to help employees and unemployed Albertans access training opportunities.
- **[Government of Alberta Driving Back to work Grant Program](#): Open**

Supports unemployed Albertans pursuing careers in the trucking industry.
- **[Government of Alberta- Workforce Partnerships Grants](#): Open**

Eligible organizations with common labour market needs can get funding to support workforce initiatives.
- **[Government of Canada- Jobs and Growth Fund](#): Continuous**

The Jobs and Growth Fund (JGF) provides funding to businesses and organizations to help create jobs, and position Canada's economy for an inclusive recovery and long-term growth.
- **[Indigenous Employment and Training Partnerships Program](#): Proposals accepted on an ongoing basis**

Supports First Nations on or off reserve, Metis groups on or off Settlements and other Indigenous communities and organizations, industry, and other governments to deliver group-training projects designed by the partnership. These partnerships will assist unemployed or under-employed Indigenous individuals to gain the necessary skills training and/or work experience to maintain long-term employment.
- **[McEwan University Community Engaged Learning Partnership](#): Open until filled**

Community-Engaged Learning at MacEwan University is a project-based teaching-learning strategy. This strategy connects classroom theory to challenges experienced in the "real world" by our Community Partners (CP). It is a form of Work Integrated Learning. There is NO FEE to be a community partner.
- **[Trucking HR Canada – Career Express Highway](#): Various**

Trucking HR Canada's Career ExpressWay Program supports employers with recruitment efforts, helping them take advantage of industry specific financial incentives while connecting them with career seekers.